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TAGS: OVIP (BROCK, MARY LOUISE)

SUBJECT: CORAL SEA VISITOR

REF: STATE 090369

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MRS. MARY LOUISE BROCK AND MR. BROCK AS ARRANGED BY THEIR HOSTS, THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION (AAA). DEPARTMENT: PLEASE PASS TO MRS. BROCK.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30:

8:25 A.M. - ARRIVE SYDNEY ON PAA 811. MR. AND MRS. BROCK WILL BE ESCORTED TO VIP LOUNGE. THEY WILL BE GREETED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. DAVIS, AAA PRESIDENT ALLAN MOYES AND MRS. MOYES, AND OTHER CONSULATE AND AAA REPRESENTATIVES. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL INTERVIEW MRS. BROCK AT THE AIRPORT, IF SHE IS AGREEABLE. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT SHE WILL BE ASKED ANY QUESTIONS ON NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS OR ON THE INDIAN OCEAN DURING THIS INTERVIEW.

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SINCE MRS. BROCK IS FROM KANSAS CITY, THE QUESTION OF BEEF QUOTAS MAY ARISE. NORMALLY, REPORTERS COVERING THE SYDNEY AIRPORT ON SATURDAY MORNING ARE NOT GIVEN TO ASKING PROFOUND QUESTIONS. WHAT IS MOST LIKELY ARE QUESTIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THOSE SET FORTH BELOW WHICH MRS. BROCK CAN ANSWER AS APPROPRIATE:

(1) HOW WERE YOU CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES
AT THE CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS?

(2) HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN PRESIDENT CARTER?

(3) IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO AUSTRALIA?

(4) WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE CORAL SEA TO MOST AMERICANS?

ON THE OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT SERIOUS POLITICAL QUESTIONS
ARE ASKED, WE WOULD PROPOSE ANSWERS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

Q. WHAT IS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON THE
INDIAN OCEAN, INCLUDING DIEGO GARCIA?

A. THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE OF THE STRATEGIC
IMPORTANCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND IS INTERESTED
IN DEVELOPING A POLICY OF MUTUAL RESTRAINT REGARDING
NAVAL FORCES IN THAT REGION.

Q. WILL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SEND ANY NUCLEAR
POWERED WARSHIPS TO AUSTRALIA?

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF NAVAL PLANNING,
BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S.S. ENTERPRISE RECEIVED A MOST
CORDIAL WELCOME ON ITS RECENT VISIT TO HOBART. I AM TOLD
THAT ALL U.S. SAILORS LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO
VISIT AUSTRALIA WHENEVER THEY CAN.

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Q. WILL THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE THE SYSTEM OF RESTRICTING
IMPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF IN THE FUTURE?

A. AUSTRALIAN BEEF IS VERY POPULAR IN THE UNITED STATES AND
THE QUOTA FOR IMPORTS IN 1977, ALMOST 300,000 TONS,
REPRESENTS MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE BEEF THAT THE UNITED
STATES WILL IMPORT FROM THE ENTIRE WORLD. IT COMES TO A LITTLE
MORE THAN 3 POUNDS OF BEEF FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD
IN THE UNITED STATES. I AM SURE THAT AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE
TO HAVE A GOOD MARKET FOR ITS BEEF AND OTHER PRODUCTS IN AMERICA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 (CONTINUED):

FOLLOWING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, MR. AND MRS. BROCK WILL
BE ESCORTED TO THE WENTWORTH HOTEL. IF THEY ARE NOT TOO
TIRED AFTER THEIR JOURNEY, THEY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
AT THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB HORSE RACE MEETING AT WARWICK
FARM RACE TRACK IN THE AFTERNOON.

SATURDAY EVENING, THEY ARE INVITED TO BE GUESTS OF
HONOR AT A SMALL DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY MR. ALLAN MOYES,
PRESIDENT OF THE AAA, AT HIS HOME.

SUNDAY, MAY 1:

10:00 A.M. - ATTEND THE SPECIAL CORAL SEA SERVICE AT
ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MACQUARIE
STREET, SYDNEY, FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCHEON
AT THE AAA CENTER, 39 LOWER FORT STREET, SYDNEY.

P.. AFTER LUNCH, A CRUISE ON SYDNEY HARBOR
HAS BEEN ARRANGED ON PRIVATE YACHT AS GUESTS
OF MR. AND MRS. LEX ANDERSON. (MRS. ANDERSON IS PRESIDENT
OF THE AAA WOMEN'S CLUB.)

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MONDAY, MAY 2:

11:00 A.M. - COMMEMORATIVE CORAL SEA WREATH-LAYING
CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH, MARTIN PLACE. MRS. BROCK WILL
LAY A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,
AND IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SOME VERY BRIEF
REMARKS CONCERNING THE MEANING OF THE CORAL
SEA BATTLE AND ON AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ONE OR
TWO MINUTES IS SUFFICIENT.

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12:30 P.M. - FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A CORAL SEA LUNCHEON AT THE AAA CENTER. AS GUEST OF HONOR, MRS. BROCK HAS BEEN ASKED TO GIVE A TALK ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT SHE FEELS APPROPRIATE.

5:00 P.M. - THE CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD BE HONORED IF MRS. BROCK WOULD CONSENT TO OPEN THE OUTDOOR, LEISURE AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION AT THE U.S. TRADE CENTER, 37 PITT STREET. WE HAVE PREPARED VERY BRIEF REMARKS FOR THE OCCASION WHICH SHE IS, OF COURSE, MOST WELCOME TO EXTEND OR REVISE.

7:00 P.M. - MR. AND MRS. BROCK ARE INVITED TO A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY ME. AND MRS. PERKINS, 70 PYMBLE STREET, PYMBLE.

TUESDAY, MAY 3:

MORNING - FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING.

1:05 P.M. - LEAVE SYDNEY FOR CANBERRA ON FLIGHT TAA 401.

1:45 P.M. - ARRIVE CANBERRA.

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ARE BEING DEVELOPED BY LOCAL BRANCHES OF THE AAA. THEY WILL INCLUDE APPOINTMENTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, AT 12:30, A LUNCHEON WITH THE AAA IN CANBERRA.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4:

5:30 P.M. - LEAVE CANBERRA FOR MELBOURNE ON TAA 425.

6:25 P.M. - ARRIVE MELBOURNE.

THURSDAY, MAY 5:

LUNCHEON WITH THE AAA IN MELBOURNE.

FRIDAY, MAY 6:

12:15 P.M. - LEAVE MELBOURNE FOR SYDNEY ON TAA 454.

1:25 P.M. - ARRIVE SYDNEY. MET BY CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. DAVIS AND AAA REPRESENTATIVES AND TAKEN TO THE

WENTWORTH HOTEL, SYDNEY.

AFTERNOON - FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING OR OTHER PROGRAM TO
BE DISCUSSED ON ARRIVAL.

8:00 P.M. - GUEST OF HONOR AT DINNER-DANCE AT THE
WENTWORTH HOTEL, SYDNEY. GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
SIR RODEN CUTLER, V.C. AND LADYBCUTLER WILL BE AMONG HONORED
AUSTRALIAN GUESTS.

SATURDAY, MAY 7:

4:00 P.M. - LEAVE SYDNEY ON PAA 812.

2. CANBERRA AND MELBOURNE PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS OF
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